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CHINA: M-11 to Pakistan

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Q: Have the Chinese sold the M-11 to Pakistan?

A: -- THE CHINESE HAVE STATED THAT THEY SUPPLIED A SHORT-RANGE TACTICAL MISSILE TO PAKISTAN. IN RESPONSE TO A PRESS QUERY JUNE 27 AS TO WHETHER THIS MISSILE WAS THE M-11, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR PROVIDED AN AMBIGUOUS RESPONSE: HE SAID THAT THE MISSILE SOLD TO PAKISTAN DID NOT EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES, BUT HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS THE MISSILE WE REFER TO AS THE M-11.

-- THE POINT WE ARE TRYING TO VERIFY IS WHETHER CHINA HAS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED A MISSILE TO PAKISTAN WITH CAPABILITIES THAT EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO VERIFY THE FACTS RIGHT NOW.

-- THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE CHINESE THAT WE CONSIDER THE M-11 TO HAVE CAPABILITIES THAT EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES, AND THAT ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVELY-MANDATED SANCTIONS WOULD BE CALLED FOR IF THE M-11 WERE SOLD TO PAKISTAN.

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- THE U.S. HAS ALREADY SANCTIONED CHINESE ENTITIES UNDER THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR TRANSFERRING MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN.
- AN ADDITIONAL SANCTION WOULD BE CALLED FOR IF IT IS CONFIRMED THAT CHINA HAS SOLD TO PAKISTAN A MISSILE HAVING CAPABILITIES EXCEEDING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME GUIDELINES.

China: M-11 Missiles to Pakistan PMCA-MISSILES

Q: What is the Administration's view of reports that China has sold the M-11 missile to Pakistan?

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A: -- Exports of the M-11 missile system and/or related missile technology and equipment to Pakistan would represent grave threats to the region. We consider the M-11 to be a missile that exceeds MTCR Guidelines.

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-- We would like to see a reduction of tension on the subcontinent.

-- We have conveyed to the Chinese both our concern about missile transfers to non-MTCR adherent countries and our interest in avoiding an arms race on the subcontinent.

-- China has been responsive to our concerns about an arms race on the subcontinent. We will pursue discussions with the Chinese on this subject.

Q: Have the Chinese delivered M-11's to Pakistan?

A: -- The Chinese have stated that they have delivered short-range tactical missiles to Pakistan. We have asked China for a clarification of this statement; we do not yet know whether the "tactical" missile referred to by the Chinese is the M-11.

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